

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. By this amendment, the claims 27 and 28 are amended; and claims 30 - 34 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The amendments are made solely to place the claims in proper form for U.S. Patent practice, and for any reason relating to patentability. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Entry of Amendment After Final

Initially, Applicant notes that the only amendments to the claims are amendments to overcome the Examiner's objection, as requested by the Examiner. These Amendments raise no new issue requiring further search or consideration. Thus, entry of these amendments is requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates that claims 1-26 and 29 are allowed. Further, Applicant also appreciates that claims 27 and 28 would be allowed if the claim objections are overcome. As the claim objections to claims 27 - 28 are overcome by the above-mentioned amendments, allowance of each of pending claims 1-29.

Objection to the Claims

Claims 27 and 28 were objected to for minor informalities. The claims are hereby amended as requested by the Examiner and thus withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection, claims 30-34 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and thus the rejection is rendered moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-29 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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